(d) the present status of still well road used during World War II to link Central Myanmar *via* NH-37;

(e) whether Government propose to improve and reintroduce this road; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) To provide better road linkages in the North-East region, five new national highways have been declared in January, 1999 as per details given below:

	NH No.	Section	States	Length (Kms.)
(i)	54	Daboka-Silchar	Assam	290
(ii)	150	Aizawal-Imphal-Kohima	Mizoram	141
			Manipur	523
			Nagaland	36
(iii)	62	Baghmara-Dalu	Meghalaya	65
(iv)	40	Jowai-Dawki	-do-	55
(v)	44A	Sairang-Manu	Mizoram	165
			Tirpura	65

(d) to (f) The Central Government is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of national highways only. Since the Still Well Road linking Assam-Nagaland to Myanmar is a State road, its development is the responsibility of the State Government.

कांडला की सड़कों की स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता

129. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कांडला पत्तन न्यास ने कांडला और उसकी निकटवर्ती सड़कों की खराब स्थिति में सुधार लाने के लिए 6.00 करोड़ रुपयों का एक प्रस्ताव मंत्रालय को भेजा था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह स्वीकार कर लिया गया था; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और क्या मंत्रालय चक्रवात के कारण सड़कों को हुए भारी नुकसान को देखते हुए प्रस्ताव पर पुनर्विचार करेगी और इसे स्वीकार करेगी?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. देवेन्द्र प्रधान): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) वह प्रस्ताव स्वीकार नहीं किया जा सका क्योंकि सड़कों के रख-रखाव की जिम्मेदारी स्थानीय सरकार/नगरपालिका की है।

Financial restructuring of Mumbai and Kandla ports

130. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the revival plan of Mumbai and Kandla Port Trusts and Cargo Berths;

(b) the time frame for implementing short-term revival plan;

(c) whether financial restructuring forms a part of revival plan and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether a long-term cooperate plan has been drawn for Mumbai and Kandla Port Trust?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Handing over of Kandla Land to Gujarat Government

131. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Gujarat has sent a proposal to Government for handing over the lands of Kandla area back to the Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by what time the land will be handed over to the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No proposal for handing over the lands of Kandla area has been received from the State Government of Gujarat.